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go away, and I'm going to support that particular bargain. So I would ask that you not support this amendment and that you...I think that Senator Beutler touched on some issues that he is very...it's very dear to his heart. I have total and complete confidence in the NRDs and in the NRD structure. I think they have a great ability to take care of their problems. And I know that both of the NRDs in my district are doing a great job with this...their water management programs. We know we have a big problem up there in my district with what they call the Bazile Triangle. It's a nitrate problem and we know that we've provided that problem with, among other things, overapplication of fertilizer and probably even some feedlot runoff. But we think we know what the problem is. We think it's going to take a long time to get it squared away, but we know how to do it. And I think that what we've done with the bill that Senator Wickersham was talking about will provide for that continuation of that effort. So I would urge that we allow the Revenue Committee's bill to take effect and then we won't need this amendment of Senator Beutler's. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Vrtiska, on the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I, too, rise in opposition to the bill. As Senator Dierks indicated, the NRDs would like to have this tax restored, but I think a deal is a deal. And one of the things that's really bothering...could I ask Senator Beutler a question?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Beutler, would you yield?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Sure.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Senator Beutler, on this...on this...on this tax that we've been assessing on fertilizer, over the years, it's been on the gross amount, right, gross tonnage?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

SENATOR VRTISKA: That's something that's always bothered me because we have anhydrous ammonia that's like 92...82 percent nitrogen, and we have 32 percent, we have 28 percent, yet we're